

--- RM-4 - "Series of 1866"- Manufactured Tobacco - 27 & 28 Vict. - Cap. III ---

--- "George Desbarats & Son", Montreal - the design measures 50 x 90 mm. ---

--- lithographed in BLACK ink - perforated 12½ - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- on vertically laid paper - with 27 mm batonne lines, diagonally watermarked EXCISE only ---

--- with "License / No. _____" at the top ---

Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, May 2002

"Subsequent to the initial square issue, consumption stamps in the diamond format RM-4 were released. Their exact date of issue is not known but, according to Bill Walton, the small diamond stamp is known with an 1866 date. This stamp was likely intended for small packages of tobacco" - however see the 64 pound illustration below.

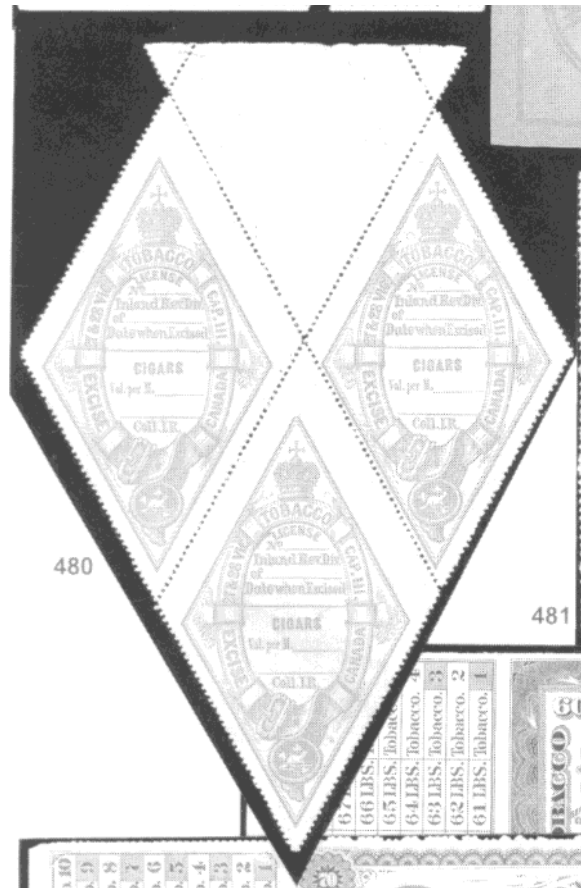


★RM-4 - BOXES, black, diamond, on vertically laid paper, diagonally watermarked EXCISE only, perforated 12½, for 64 pounds of Cut tobacco, in March 1867, Licensee No. 6, signed at Montreal in black ink R. Bellemare Coll. I.R.

★RM-4 - BOXES, black, diamond, a pair on vertically laid paper, diagonally watermarked EXCISE only, perforated 12½, signed at Montreal in black ink R. Bellemare Coll. I.R.

The collection also contains ★three copies of RM-4 which are unused, but all signed in black ink R. Bellemare Coll. I.R.

The back cover of Erling Van Dam's "Mail Auction No. 59", for November 12th, 1998, had an interesting plate of three copies of the diamond shaped green ink "Cigar" stamp, showing the printing orientation for the diamond design. *This is not in the collection.*



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